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Wednesday, July 23, 1997/Shravana 1, 1919 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

11.03 hrs.

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Sebastian Paul (Ernakulam)

Shri Naveen Patnaik (Aska)

Shri Lal Bihari Tiwari (East Delhi)

11.06 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your kind permission, may I introduce to you and through you to the august House, my colleagues:

Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Shrimati Kamla Sinha, the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Shrimati Ratnmala D. Savanoor, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation.

Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

[Translation]

KUMARI UMA BHARATI (KHAJURAHO): The hon. Prime Minister did not consider any of the women Members fit to hold cabinet rank.

11.07 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House about the demise of seven of our esteemed friends, Smt. Renuka Ray and Sarvashri Deep Narain Ban Mahanth, Y. Ramakrishna, Hari Krishan Shastri, Anand Narain Mulla, Yamuna Prasad Shastri and Erasmo de Sequeira.

Shrimati Renuka Ray was a member of Central Legislative Assembly, Constituent Assembly, Provisional Parliament and Second Lok Sabha representing Malda Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal during 1943-45, 1947-50, 1950-52 and 1957-60 respectively.

She was also a member of West Bengal Legislative Assembly during 1952-57. Smt. ray served as Minister for Refugee Relief and Rehabilitation in West Bengal Government during 1952-57.

An active social and political worker, Smt. Ray vigorously worked for the welfare of the weaker sections of the society particularly of women. She was the President of all India Women's Conference during 1953-55.

A widely travelled person, Smt. Ray was a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly in 1949.

Smt. Renuka Ray passed away on 11 April, 1997 at Calcutta at the age of 94 years.

Shri Deep Narain Ban Mahanth was a member of Eighth Lok Sabha during 1984-89 representing Bairampur Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, he had been a member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly during 1969-77 and 1980-84.

An active social and political worker and a religious missionary, Shri Mahanth took keen interest in the promotion of education and was instrumental in running several schools in his area.

During his parliamentary career, he successfully drew the attention of the House to the problems faced by the downtrodden and weaker sections of the society.

Shri Deep Narain Ban Mahanth died at Gonda on 9 May, 1997 at the age of 63 years.

Shri Y. Ramakrishna was a Member of Ninth Lok Sabha representing Kolar Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka during 1989-91. Earlier, he had been a member of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly for five consecutive terms during 1957-85. At the time of his death, Shri Ramakrishna was a member of Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

Shri Ramakrishna served as a Deputy Minister during